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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 3709

PIERO PETRINI et al

Examiner: A. Wistermayer

Serial No. 10/568,415

Filed: February 14, 2006

For: INTERLAMINAR VETEBRAL PROSTHESIS

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is herein made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 for an extension of time for one month for response to the Office action of August 8, 2007.

The appropriate fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 is paid herewith by credit card (Form PTO-2038). Any fees not accepted by the credit card amount shown on the Form PTO-2038 may be charged to Deposit Account 04-0753.

Respectfully submitted,

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